(c) The present annual budget for Space programme is approximately Rs. 2700 crores and the 10th plan total outlay is about Rs. 15000 crores, which caters to all our planned programmes. The plan outlay for the next plan will be finalised by the end of this plan period.

Advance Technology in Space Activities

1585. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the status in the application of advanced technology in space activities;

(b) whether the objective of using the Space Technology as an instrument for socio-economic development of people has been achieved marginally or substantially;

(c) the status in indigenisation of space materials in terms of metallic, non-metallic, electronic and chemicals in technology development of space;

(d) whether the process of finding out the natural resources like water, minerals, forest, etc., of every State is over; and

(e) if so, the States with details have availed such information for exploration and further development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Indian Space programme has drawn up a long-term plan identifying the programme directions, Missions and the technology development requirements in the area of launch vehicles, satellite communications, remote sensing and space science research. Accordingly, advanced space technology development activities have been initiated in many directions like Reusable Launch Vehicles, advanced sensors and materials, imaging sensors, satellite communication techniques and scientific instruments.

(b) Yes, Sir. The objective of using space technology for socio-economic development of people has been substantially met in the areas of health, Education, Rural Development, Satellite Communications, Disaster Management Support and Natural Resource Management Applications.

(c) In the last 10 years, more than 100 types of Space grade materials (metallic, non-metallic, chemicals and polymer materials) have been

indigenously developed for the Indian Space Programme. Currently, indigenous development is in progress for about 50 types of space materials including chemical cells, various adhesives, fasteners and electronic components.

(d) and (e) The information in respect of wastelands, land use and forest cover has been generated for entire country, using data from Indian Remote Sensing Satellites. Maps showing groundwater prospects as well as zones suitable for recharge have been prepared for the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, and are under preparation for the States of Gujarat and Orissa.

The respective States have availed these information and maps for management and development of natural resources.

Projects running behind schedule

1586. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects undertaken by Government and how many of them are running behind schedule;

(b) the number of projects closed with reasons and the amount of money wasted therein; and

(c) whether Government have fixed responsibility of anyone for running the projects behind schedule and for closing projects after having invested substantial sums therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As on 1.12.2004, there are 605 central projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above monitored by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation under implementation, of which 243 have time overrun with reference to latest approved schedule.

(b) Fourteen (14) projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above, with a total investment value of Rs. 3062.13 crore, are unfinished as these have been